



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm, Dry Days Advance Soybean Harvest

There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 22, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers across the state took advantage of sunny, dry and warm weather to harvest soybeans. Temperatures rose into the upper 70s in many areas, drying out muddy fields. Corn was being chopped for silage and combined for high moisture grain. Late haying, manure spreading and fall planting rounded out a busy week in the fields. Reporters commented that emerging winter wheat was in good condition.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

Eighty-two percent of Wisconsin's **corn** was reported mature, 9 days behind the average. Corn harvested for grain was 15 percent complete, 15 days behind the average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain averaged 25 percent. Corn acres harvested for silage was reported at 87 percent complete, 8 days behind the average. Corn condition was 70 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points below last week.

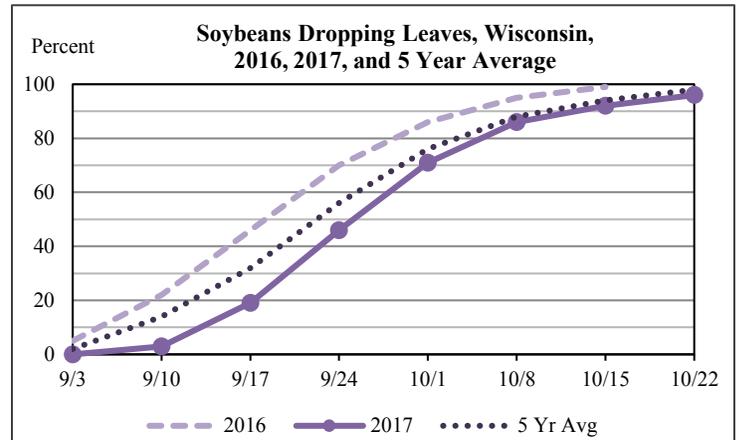
Soybean dropping leaves was reported at 96 percent, 4 days behind the average. Soybean harvest was reported at 64 percent complete, 3 days behind the average.

Eighty-six percent of Wisconsin's **winter wheat** acres were planted, 4 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat emerged was reported at 66 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat condition was reported 83 percent good to excellent.

Potato harvest was reported at 93 percent complete.

Pasture condition was 58 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points below last week.

Fall tillage was reported at 27 percent complete, 2 days behind last year, and 5 days behind the average.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 22, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	2	9	19	46	24
Pasture & Range.	6	10	26	41	17
Winter Wheat.....	0	2	15	60	23

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of October 22, 2017

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent									Percent			
Corn Mature.....	77	48	61	85	89	85	77	95	87	82	70	98	90
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	12	9	4	12	13	11	14	22	24	15	9	36	37
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	88	61	80	94	89	91	85	97	94	87	80	98	93
Fall Tillage.....	25	34	25	20	41	37	18	21	24	27	20	31	33
Potatoes Harvested.....	88	100	97	99	91	n.a.	91	94	n.a.	93	92	97	n.a.
Soybeans Dropping Leaves.....	94	88	92	99	96	94	93	99	97	96	92	100	98
Soybeans Harvested.....	46	49	48	48	70	69	56	81	83	64	44	68	70
Winter Wheat Planted.....	92	94	87	57	86	93	70	80	87	86	77	81	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	85	85	60	49	56	80	49	47	61	66	53	58	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 22, 2017

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable.....	5.3	4.5	5.5	4.8	5.7	5.1	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.0	3.6	5.7
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	1	1	0
Short.....	1	32	16	6	4	2	7	10	4	8	9	2
Adequate.....	92	67	69	87	90	90	87	83	89	85	81	78
Surplus.....	7	1	15	7	6	8	3	4	5	6	9	20
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	2	1	2	0
Short.....	4	32	10	6	5	2	23	10	10	11	11	2
Adequate.....	92	68	66	88	87	93	71	82	83	83	81	78
Surplus.....	4	0	24	6	8	5	0	5	5	5	6	20

Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

BARRON-T.B.: Great week for field activities. Lots of soybeans harvested with grain moistures reported 10 to 14 percent. Corn silage harvesting close to completion, yields better than expected. Some high moisture corn harvesting going on. Final cutting of hay fields for those who just can't "leave it out there". Fall tillage, cover crop seeding, and manure hauling operations accounted for a very busy week.

BAYFIELD/DOUGLAS-C.B.: Nice weather most of the week. A few soybean fields harvested. Good progress made on corn silage harvest.

CLARK-R.H.: Soybean harvest has hummed along all week. By end of the week a major portion of the soybean acres will be harvested. Corn silage harvest continues on late planted corn as the Monday frost helped dry-down. A little high moisture corn has been harvested. Manure hauling has begun as crops come off the fields and some fall grains are still being planted.

FLORENCE/FOREST-T.B.: Hard frost early in the week. Temperatures 20 degrees above normal drying standing corn fast.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Pretty wet most of the time... leaves it hard to get much done.

TREMPEALEAU-L.N.: Combines rolling at the end of the week. Rain has slowed progress on harvesting.

MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Combines were running in beans all week with the weather good. A lot of beans out. Rain on Saturday halted harvest.

WAUPACA/OUTAGAMIE-D.L.H.: Fall work progress picked up mid-week after soils dried enough to allow equipment on wet fields. Soybeans are coming off with average yields. Some corn is being combined on drier soils. Manure hauling has taken place on corn fields where silage has been harvested. Winter wheat looks great.

SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: A little wet in the fields from last week's rain but harvest continued. Wheat is emerging well in most places. Temperatures were above normal again, but will see cooler temps this coming week.

DODGE-M.P.: Temperatures this week reached back into the 70s with plenty of sunshine. Soybean harvest is back in full swing following the rains from earlier in the week. A lot of wheat has been planted and now some high moisture corn is being harvested.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Soybean harvest is wrapping up with yields ranging from 30 - 55. Producers found a lot of holes that were drowned out in July which brought down yields.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 22, 2017

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 To Oct. 21	Mar. 1 to Oct. 21 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	68	41	77	33	54	+7	2736	2555	0.56	5.38	+0.11	33.48	+5.11
Green Bay	68	47	76	37	57	+9	2755	2415	0.18	3.74	-0.82	29.23	+4.46
La Crosse	70	49	78	39	60	+9	3489	2894	0.94	6.78	+1.91	38.52	+10.20
Madison	70	47	76	37	59	+10	2955	2849	0.01	3.30	-1.22	37.06	+8.77
Milwaukee	71	51	80	45	61	+10	3161	n.a.	0.02	3.91	-1.03	33.23	+4.09

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. *Normal based on 1971-2000 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

For more weather data, please reference the following sites: <http://www.noaa.gov/> <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/> <http://www.cocorahs.org/> <http://www.weather.gov/>